

### Apparatus and Method for establishing trust

- 5 Computer apparatus comprising a receiver for receiving an integrity metric for a computer entity via a trusted device associated with the computer entity, the integrity metric having values for a plurality of characteristics associated with the computer entity; a controller for assigning a trust level to the computer entity from a plurality of trust levels, wherein the assigned trust level is based  
10 upon the value of at least one of the characteristics of the received integrity metric.

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